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SUBJ: PROPOSED DEA TRAINING PROGRAM IN SRI LANKA

REF: COLOMBO 3164 OF NOVEMBER 11, 1974

1. ACTING DCM, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSYS NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER, CALLED FEBRUARY 20 ON K. MANIKKALINGAM, DIRECTOR, UN AND CONFERENCES, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREGIN AFFAIRS (MDFA), TO DICUSS EMBASSY'S "AID-MEMOIRE" OF DECEMBER 31, 1974, DESCRIBING RENEWED OFFER (ORIGINALLY BASED ON STATE 189534 OF AUGUST 29, 1974) OF DEA TWO-WEEK TRAINING COURSE IN SRI LANKA.

2. MANIKKALINGAM INDICATED RELUCTANCE ON PART GSL TO ACCEPT BILATERAL TRAINING FOR SECURITY FORCES (MANIKKALINGAM TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION GSL'S RECENT REFUSAL OF SOVIET IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM). HE ASKED WHETHER TRAINING COULD BE PROVIDED THOUGH
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COLOMBO PLAN OR UNDER UN AUSPICES. AFTER

ACKNOWLEDGING USG AWARE THAT GSL HAD PREVIOUSLY
EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR MULTILATERAL
ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD, ACTING DCM REVIEWED
NATURE OF PROPOSED TWO-WEEK PROGRAM AND EXPLAINED
THAT US DONATIONS TO COLOMBO PLAN MEMBER COUNTRIES,
OTHER THAN ROUTING GENERAL ASSESSMENTS AND SUPPORT
FOR DRUG ADVISER PROGRAM, WERE ON BILATERAL BASIS.
MDFA OFFICIALS SEEMED UNAWARE OF DEPUTY MINISTER
LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN DEA
TRAINING. MANIKKALINGAM SAID GSL HAD SOME INTEREST
IN EQUIPMENT, E.G. VEHICLES, FOR POLICE NARCOTICS
BUREAU PROVIDED ON BILATERAL BASIS.

4. IMPRESSION HE LEFT WITH EMBOFFS WAS THAT GSL
STILL HESITANT TO ACCEPT BILATERAL TRAINING PROGRAM.
HOWEVER, HE DID INDICATE HE WOULD PURSUE MATTER
FURTHER.
VAN HOLLEN UNQTE KISSINGER

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